

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the specification to correct typographical errors and to correspond with corrections made to the reference numbers contained in the Drawings. No new matter is added to the Specification.

The Drawings are amended to remove reference numbers not cited in the written description and to correct wrongly-placed reference numbers. Specifically, the following changes have been made:

FIG 2: Reference numbers 103 and 104 have been removed, as they are not referenced in the written description. No new matter is added to Figure 2.

FIG 3: Reference number 105 is amended to 102. This change does not introduce any new matter.

FIGS. 5 and 6: Erroneously placed reference number 102 has been removed from both figures. No new matter is added.

FIG 13C: Reference numbers 134 and 135 have been removed, as they are not referenced in the written description. No new matter is added to Figure 13C.

Fig. 13D: Second reference number 140A has been changed to 140B, in accordance with the written description. This amendment adds no new matter.

In FIG. 20: Reference number 201 has been amended to 213, in accordance with the written description. No new matter is added.

FIG. 21: Erroneously placed reference number 206 is removed from FIG. 21. No new matter is added.

Applicant concurrently submits herewith a Response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed 03 November 2003, which includes a complete set of replacement figures 1-24, in compliance with CFR §§ 1.84 and 1.121. The replacement figures submitted

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with said Response serve only to replace the original, hand-drawn figures (as required by the Notice) and do not include any of the changes to Figures 2, 3, 5, 6, 13D, 20 and 21 made in this preliminary amendment.

. It is believed no fees are due; however, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment, authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 12-0600 is hereby granted. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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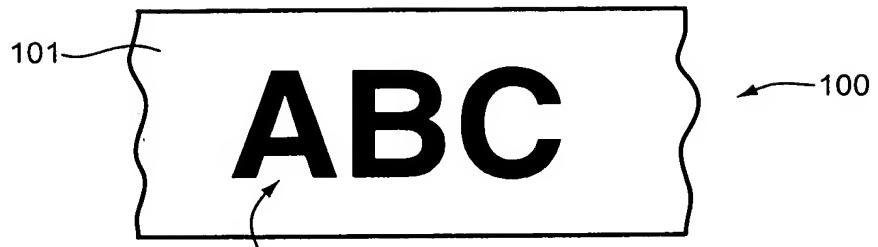


FIG. 1

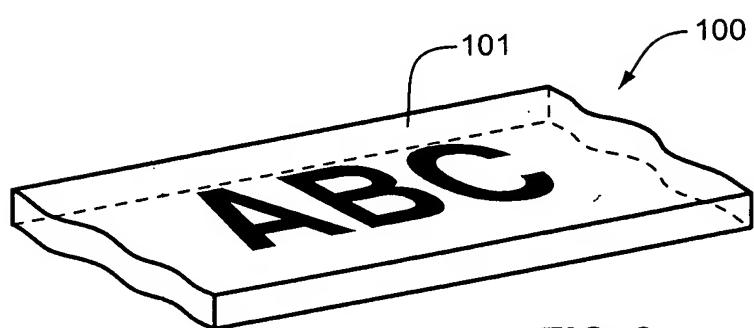


FIG. 2

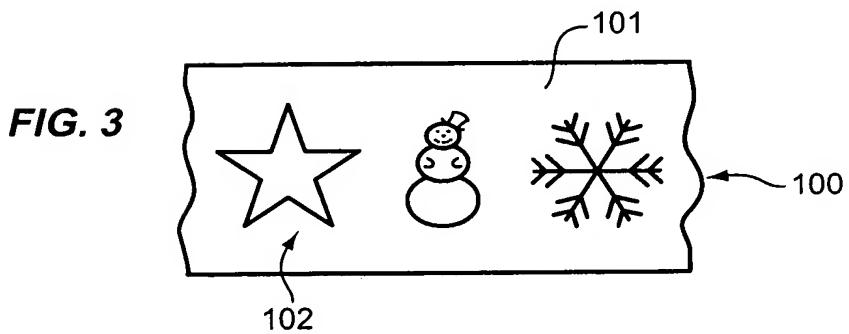


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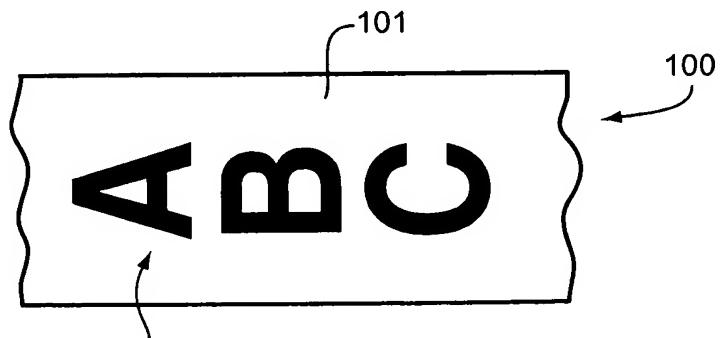


FIG. 3A

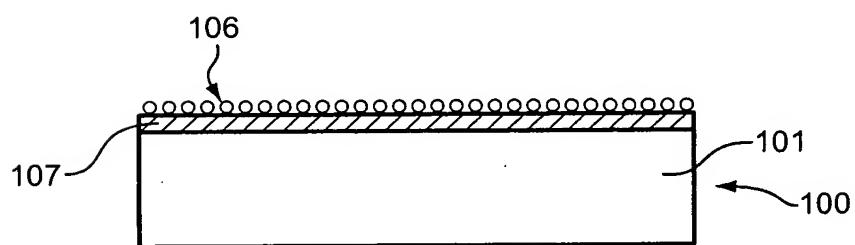
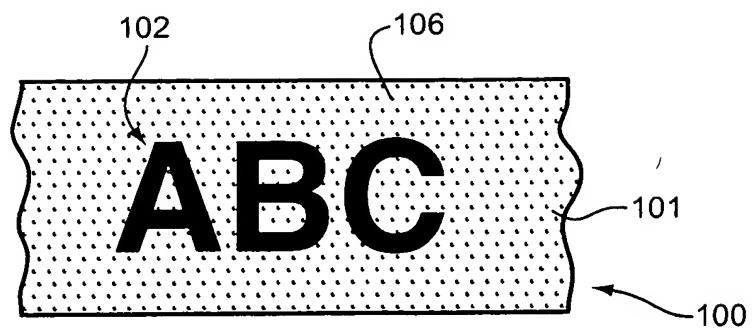


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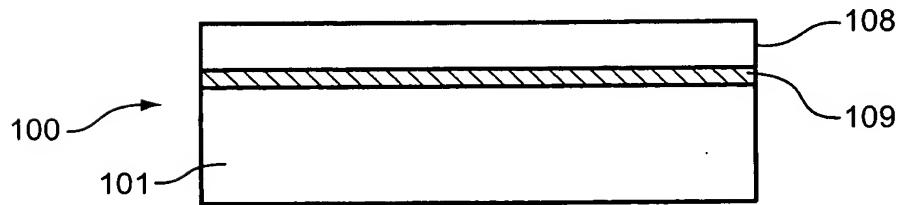


FIG. 6

FIG. 13C

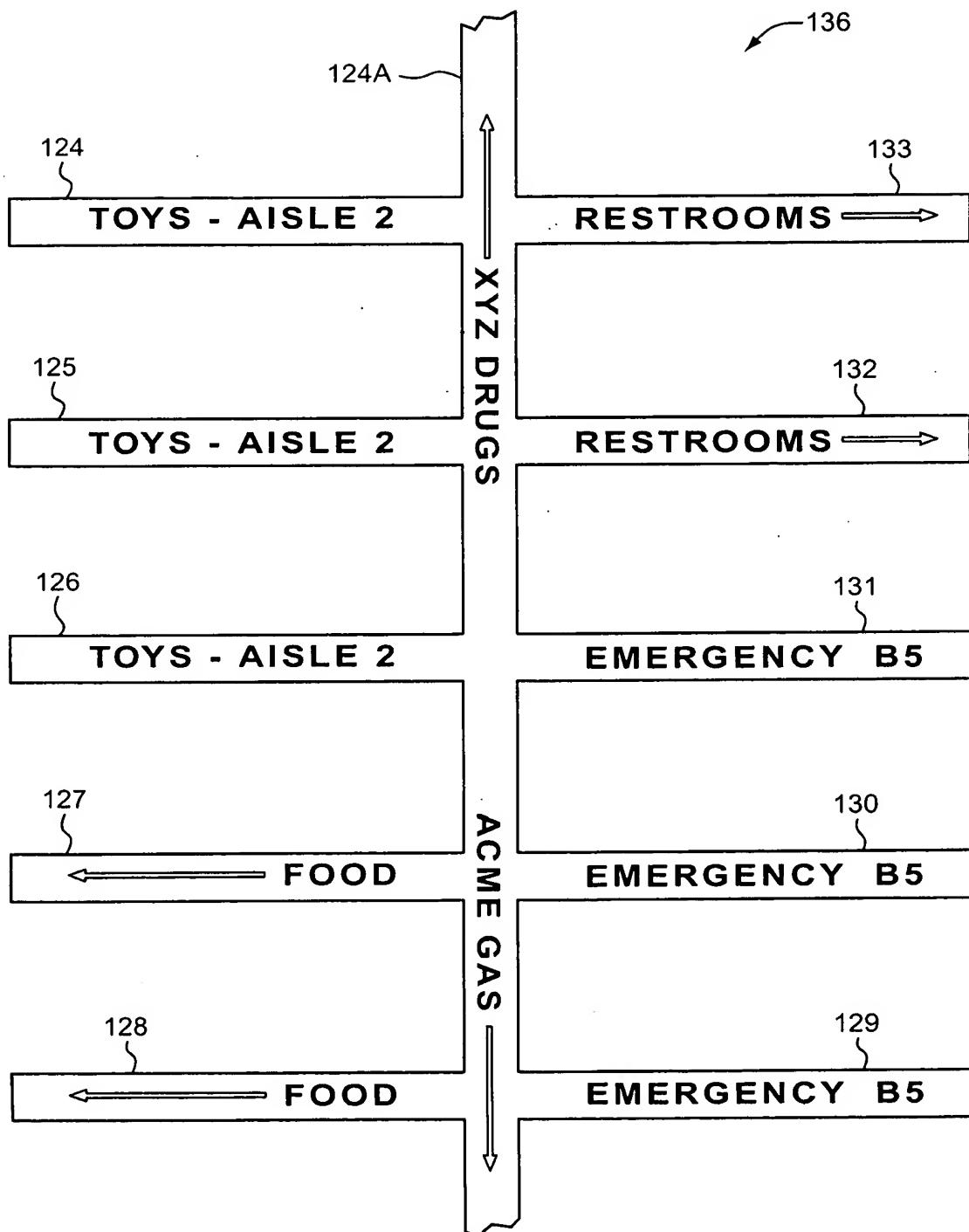
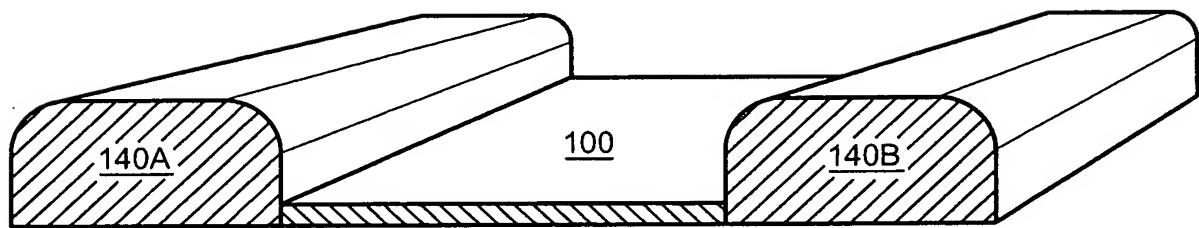


FIG. 13D



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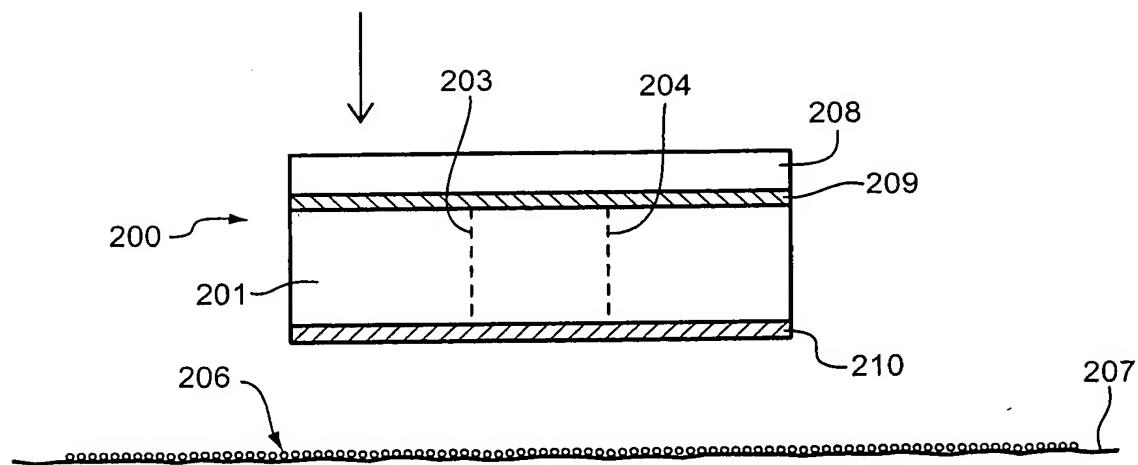


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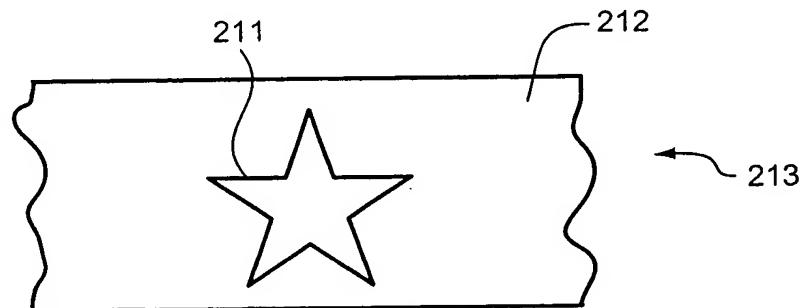


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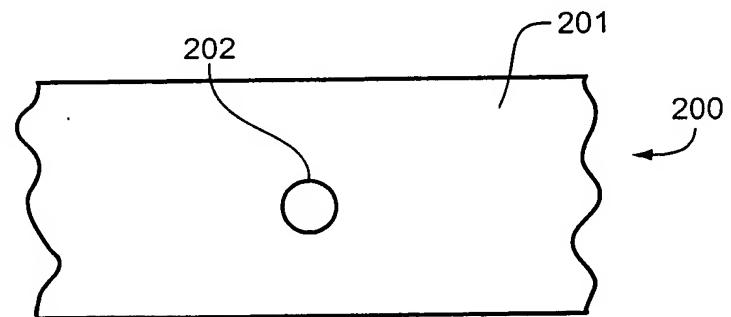
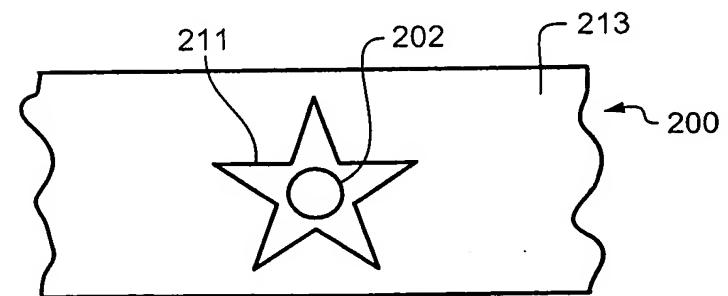
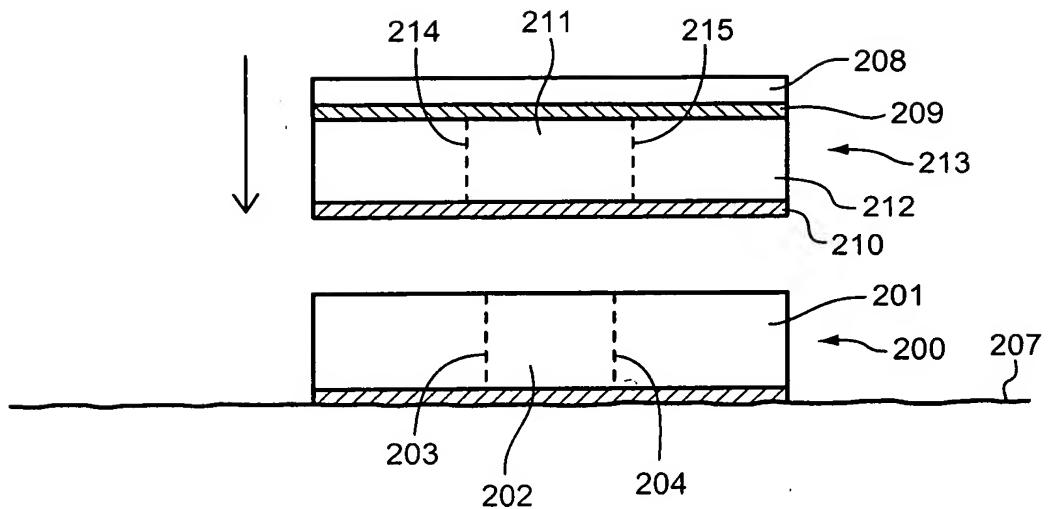
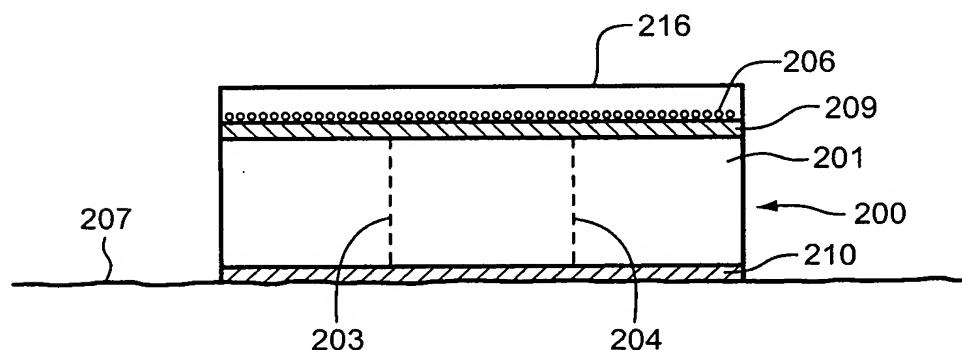


FIG. 20



**FIG. 21****FIG. 22**